Webcast series 'State of Tax'

Leveraging ERP transformation to optimise your tax function



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When your current (ERP) system was implemented, was tax part of the project team?

A) Yes

B) Yes, but not sufficientC) No



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The changing external landscape

The case for change



The changing internal landscape

The case for change



Pressure to reduce costs and headcount



Inorganic business expansion (M&A activity)



Increased number of internal stakeholders





Greater requirement for central visibility

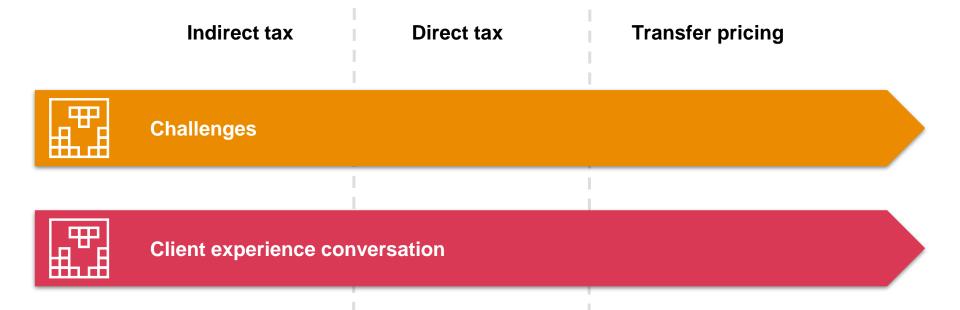


Introduction of new technologies



Pressure from system providers (e.g. SAP, Oracle, Workday (Finance))







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Introduction to COFCO International (Sam Williams)



At a Glance COFCO International





Our Shareholders

COFCO Corporation - Majority shareholder of COFCO International



\$80bn

\$67bn

30m

90m TONNE & PROCE & BING CAPACITY

50m





China's largest integrated agribusiness conglomerate

- Ranked on Fortune Global 500 for 26 consecutive years
- / HQ in Beijing with presence in over 140 countries
- Owns global producing, purchasing platforms, trading networks with plantation, purchasing, storage, logistics and port facilities



Financial services to support agricultural development

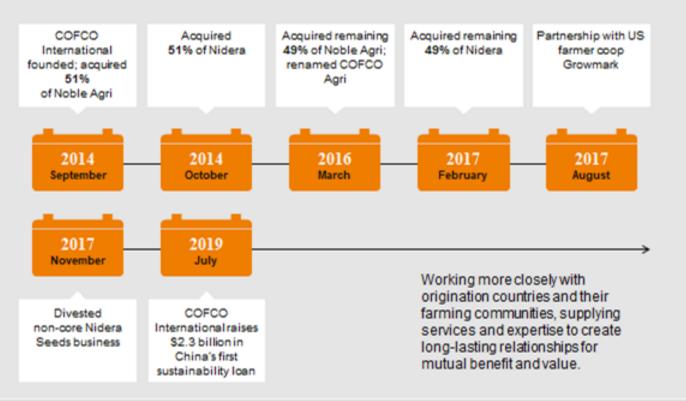


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Building a world-class global agribusiness committed to providing the food the world needs in a responsible way.

 We are creating a different kind of global agri-business one that is growing fast, with the right structures, culture and the ambition to meet the world's increasing and changing needs.





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Challenge

Lack of clear overview of transactions / business flows.

Added value

Streamline transaction mapping and flows to prepare a basis for ERP set up and business model reference.





Challenge

Incorrect (manual) VAT determination during transactions.

Added value

Automation of transactions in the ERP system to eliminate manual errors and to enhance the logic of the ERP system to be able to deal with complex transactions.





Challenge

Incorrect master data leading to incorrect VAT determination.

Added value

Review ERP master data (customer, vendor, material, G/L, etc.) and ensure accuracy for VAT determination.





Challenge

Fulfilling compliance obligations, e.g. SAF-T, real-time reporting.

Added value

Best practice sharing to fulfill compliance obligations, e.g. einvoicing, digital VAT return filing, etc. and automation of the compliance process.



ITX determination - Technology maturity curve

Manual processes

- Manual processing of (AP) invoices and manual selection of tax codes based on e.g. user manuals and decision trees.
- Many manual corrections required when preparing ITX filings.

Automation AR in native ERP

- Use of standard ERP functionality to automatically determine the AR tax code.
- Covering more complex transactions could be a challenge (e.g. ABC transactions).
- Manual corrections required when preparing ITX filings.

Automation AP in native ERP

- Use of standard ERP functionality to automatically determine the AP tax code.
- Covering more complex indirect tax requirements could be a challenge.
- Manual corrections required when preparing ITX filings.

Automation with a Tax Engine

- A tax engine can extend the standard ERP indirect tax logic to fulfill the more complex indirect tax requirements.
- Manual corrections are reduced to a minimum.

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Challenge

Collection and management of data necessary to calculate tax provisions. No direct integration between ERP/consolidation system and tax accounting solution, resulting in time delays.

Added value

Improving data by data analytics efforts and automation to drive efficiency and quality. Set-up of separate tax ledger for most common and timeconsuming book to tax differences and tax sensitization of CoA.





Challenge

An efficient reconciliation from Group GAAP numbers to statutory financial statements and local tax returns.

Added value

Single source of truth. Defining the preferred ERP ledger setup (non-leading ledger vs extension ledger) depending on number of variables.





Challenge

No direct integration between tax provisioning and compliance solution.

Added value

Better integration, creating opportunities for return to accrual efficiencies.





Challenge

Transparency and auditability from consolidated tax disclosure down to source financial transactions and collecting required information in case of questions from or disputes with the tax authorities.

Added value

Allows tax to spend more time on analysis and planning instead of data reconciliation. Single source of truth, creating efficiency and enhancing quality (also upfront!).



Direct tax automation - Technology maturity curve

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Best practices including other solutions on the market



- 3rd Party Bold-on Solution
- Custom, bolt-on database
- Predefined calculation rules
- Repeatable, controlled process
- Dashboards and
- complex reporting

Multiple ledgers

- Group GAAP
- Local statutory GAAP
- Local Tax
- Tax sensitisation

ERP native/integrated solution

 Direct link between ERP system and integrated tax reporting solution

Time/Cost/Internal Stakeholder Alignment

Spreadsheet / Excel solutions

- Standardized reporting pack
- Struggles with manual errors and large volumes



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Challenge

Identify the right data to use. Identify sufficiently segmented data. Identify which departments can provide this information.

Added value

Simplifying approaches by using financial data readily available in systems. Clarifying in processes what data is to be used and how. Documenting processes.





Challenge

Data cleansing and the reliability of data.

Added value

Defining upfront requirements for transfer pricing calculations to discuss with stakeholders to embed into source data.





Challenge

Can prices be adjusted throughout the year? What data required for your price setting is available when? Relevant for monitoring and updating your prices throughout the year.

Added value

Anticipating price changes pro-actively to minimize year-end adjustments. Having requirements built into the system/processes smoothen the exercise to recalculate the prices.





Challenge

Future of Finance: reduction of resources to manage price setting and monitoring.

Added value

Using standard processes and tooling to facilitate calculations will:

- Reduce resource requirements;
- Improve accuracy;
- Improve auditability; and
- Improve real time visibility.



TP automation - Technology maturity curve

Spreadsheet/ Excel solutions

- Simple tables and queries to manage data and calculation
- Struggles with changing data, and large volumes

Tactical Automation

- Desktop automation for data mgmt and analytics
- E.g. Alteryx, PowerQuery, UiPath, Tableau, PowerBI



Database Automation

- Custom, bolt-on
 - database
- Pre-defined calculation rules
- Repeatable, controlled process
- Dashboards and
- complex reporting





3rd Party (Cloud) Solution

- Financial planning
- apps that allow
- allocation and modeling









Embedded ERP/ **BI** solution

- Integration at source
- data level
- Full alignment with organizational IT roadmap and broader finance
- Potential platforms: **BPC, SAP Analytics** Cloud (SAC), SAP PAPM, Oracle PCMCS, Hyperion, EPBCSc



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For which tax do you expect to gain the most benefit by using technology?

- A) Indirect tax
- B) Direct tax
- C) Transfer PricingD) Other

Key takeaways

What tooling delivers

Automation & control "Real time" assessments Transparency Accuracy

Map your future system tax landscape

For all disciplines? By when?

Prepare benefit case

Limitation of human errors Limitation of resource requirements Improved auditability Preparation for real time reporting Preparation for the future of tax



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